GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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EVALUATION OF PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is playing into hands of Foreign Consultants in estimation, evaluation of their projects resulting inflation in estimation of projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures proposed to be taken to overcome the above ills of NHAI to ensure NHAI to follow the procedures laid down by the Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (MAJOR GENERAL (B.C.KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a) No, Sir. The Foreign and Domestic consultants prepare the projects on the basis of detailed investigation and follow standard norms for cost estimation by taking into account the likely cost of construction inputs.

(b) & (c) Do not arise.